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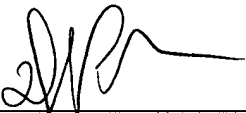
Claims 1-29, 31, 50 - 64, 74 and 75 are pending in this application. The requirement of a protective layer that contains sulfur in claim 50 is supported, for example, at pages 6 - 8 of the specification and original claim 27. Favorable consideration is requested.

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MARKED-UP VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

50. (Three Times Amended) An optical information recording medium comprising a substrate and a multilayer film, the multilayer film comprising a phase-change recording layer having reversibly changeable optical characteristics and a Ge-containing layer comprising one selected from the group consisting of GeXN and GeXON as a main component, and a protective layer comprising sulfur, wherein the Ge-containing layer is formed between the phase-change recording layer and the protective layer, and

wherein X is at least one element selected from the group consisting of elements belonging to Groups IIIa, IVa, Va, VIa, VIIa, VIII, Ib and IIb, and carbon.

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